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INDIAN CHIEF

UNDERTAKES TO LEAD REDMEN
TO SALVATION.

Quannah Parker Preaches a Sermon
to Comanches—His Daughter
Teaches an Afternoon Sunday
School Class—Father.

Lawton, O. T., Jan. 1.—What is more surprising than anything else in the development of the Indian during the past few years is the fact that Quannah Parker, the famous Comanche Chief, has begun to preach the gospel of salvation. He has begun to run the race for a better life. But he would not go alone; he would have all the Indians go with him. This is the reason why he promised the citizens of Cache that if they would arrange for him at that place he would come and preach his initial sermon.

One hundred Indians and nearly as many whites congregated at the little school house Sunday to hear Parker in his new role. The old chief

soon appeared upon the stage and announced that in his own language he would address his Indians first and then in English he would talk to the white brethren. His Indian sermon lasted for about thirty minutes, the Comanches giving the closest attention to his words, and at the conclusion a good many expressed a desire for the better life. Then turning to broken English Parker addressed the whites. He talked for several minutes telling how he had given up the ways of the bad Indian and was hereafter going to persuade his people to seek "The Jesus Man."

For more than a year Parker's daughter, Miss Laura, has been teaching an afternoon Sunday school class, composed of little Indian children, at her home in the foothills of the Wichita. It is probably through her influence principally that her father has been made to feel the inducements to a better life.

Death of Mrs. Stomum.
Special to the Ardmoreite.
Gainesville, Tex., Jan. 2.—Mrs. W. S. Stomum died here yesterday morning. Mr. Stomum had been ill for several months. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. W. D. Potter and Harry Stomum of Ardmore.

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THE NEW YEAR—1905

MUCH NOISE MARKED ITS INAUGURATION.

All Seemed in Good Humor and
Everything Passed Off Pleasantly.
An Explosion of Fireworks
Created a Small Panic.

The birth of the New Year was characterized by noise. This was the feature which marked the passing of the old year. Sceldom in Ardmore was the incoming new year observed more strenuously. With the breaking of dusk until midnight there was much confusion. In the early part of the evening the crowd on Main street demonstrated how much noise it could produce. A gang of boys were out in full force, and with tin horns and fireworks celebrated in good fashion. Giant firecrackers exploded both in thunderous tones. Skyrockets and Roman candles were sent up as further evidence of pleasure. The town soon learned that Ardmore on the night before New Year was celebrating and that nothing was lacking in the noise line. But the real confusion came with the stroke of twelve. Instantly there was a chorus of discordant whistles that disturbed the peace and quietude of the homes. It must be remembered that everything goes on this night. Bells rang out the usual hymn the happy omen of the incoming new year. Added to the noise and which surpasses everything for variety was the fire alarm whistle at the ice plant. With its mournful sounds it announced the passing of the old year and the birth of the new.

As far as can be learned there were no accidents. The nearest approach to it was an explosion of skyrockets at Ham Bee's place. In some manner the rockets caught fire and the crowd scattered to escape the explosion of the fireworks which went off to all points of the compass.

Watch parties were one of the features of the occasion. One of the main ones was given by Miss Lena Gardenhire to which a large number responded. Miss Gardenhire's guests enjoyed an impromptu dance at Elks hall.

The new year opened with sunshiny weather and the air was balmy, which suggested a spring day. Many were out driving or paying New Year calls, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Wedding Bells.

W. E. McCharen of this place and Miss Ruth Yell of Lone Grove, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents at Lone Grove by the Rev. J. M. Gross of this place. The wedding was a surprise to the friends of both parties and was a quiet affair.

The bride is an accomplished young lady who will win friends among all whom she meets, and her friends wish her a happy and prosperous life. The groom is a member of the W. E. McCharen Grocery Co. of this city, and is a very promising young business man, and has a host of friends among both the business and society people of the city, who extend to him their hearty congratulations and wish for him a long, useful and happy life.

Mr. Tom Berry and Miss Allie Cathey were married yesterday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cathey, in north Ardmore, at ten o'clock. Rev. W. L. Keller of the First Baptist church officiating.

The wedding was a quiet affair, there being only a few of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties present. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cathey of this place and is known and liked by many of this city, who wish them success in life and all happiness. The groom is a young farmer of Buckhorn, I. T., and although he is only known by a few at this place he has made friends with all whom he has met.

The young couple left yesterday afternoon for Buckhorn their future home.

SCHOOLS NOW OPEN

HOLIDAY VACATION WAS PLEASANTLY SPENT.

Teachers and Pupils Return to Their
Duties With a Willingness—The
Attendance Up to the Usual
Standard—Resignation.

After a week's vacation most pleasantly spent by the teachers and children the public schools reopened this morning.

The attendance was as large as usual. The teachers were in good spirits, as were also the pupils. The holiday vacation gave everyone a needed rest.

Owing to the illness of one of the teachers Prof. Buck was forced to the substitutes, Miss Ray Almond, who spent her vacation in Gainesville with her parents, is reported sick and did not arrive.

There has been one resignation in the schools of late. Miss Park, who has been teaching in the south side school, having resigned to accept a position in the city schools of St. Louis. Miss Park is an efficient teacher and gave entire satisfaction during her first term in the city. Last summer while in St. Louis the young lady made application to the St. Louis school board for a position. Last week her application was favorably acted upon. Miss Park carries a strong letter of endorsement from Prof. Buck of the Ardmore schools.

Several of the teachers' holidays were cut short by the convening of the territorial association, among whom were Misses Bell and Brooks. Speaking of the work of the association the Muskogee Phoenix says:

Superintendent John D. Benedict returned yesterday from Ardmore, where he delivered an address to the meeting of the Indian Territory Teachers' Association.

"The work of the association," said Mr. Benedict in conversation with a Phoenix reporter, "was along the line of preparing for a new state. One course of study was outlined and adopted by the association. A number of visitors from Oklahoma were present and heartily endorsed the idea."

A plan was suggested by Mr. Benedict that the superintendents and principals of the association form an organization of their own to keep in touch with each other, with a view of bringing about a co-operation or union of school work. The idea was adopted and a committee appointed to formulate plans to carry it out.

The course of study adopted, mentioned above, was outlined by Superintendent Benedict.

The question of holding a joint meeting in the near future of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory teachers was brought up, but on account of the railroad connections being had and the long distance a number of teachers would be required to travel, the matter did not receive much encouragement.

A Star of Hope.

Rosa Walker, a former inmate of the federal jail at this place, was taken to Guthrie Saturday afternoon by Rev. G. T. Black, at which place she will be placed in the Rescue Home for fallen women. She has been in the jail here for some time on a charge of maintaining a nuisance at Purcell and Rev. and Mrs. Black have been working on her case for some time, trying to get permission to take her to Guthrie. She was released by order of W. B. Johnson, on her own bond, to be taken to the Rescue Home.

There is another of these women to be taken to the Rescue Home shortly, as soon as arrangements can be made to procure her suitable clothes.

A regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America will be held tonight. All members please be present.

W. G. Cecil has gone to New Mexico, where he will spend some time traveling in the hope of benefiting his health.

TRUCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Holds Busy Session Saturday Afternoon—Canning Factory.

The Ardmore Truck Growers' Association met in called session Saturday afternoon at the Kearney hardware house. The attendance was better than at any previous meeting in the history of the association. The principal object of the meeting was to determine as nearly as possible how many acres in the immediate vicinity of Ardmore would be planted this year in Irish potatoes. From reports made by those present about 100 acres will be planted in potatoes and an order for 600 bushels of potatoes will be made. Mr. Moore, representing a canning factory of Chicago was present and addressed the meeting. He wants to put in a canning factory on the co-operative plan. His remarks were well received and his plan will be adopted if a more favorable one does not come to the surface. One of the members stated that a canning factory would most assuredly be put in time to take care of the next year's crop.

The association will meet again at 2 o'clock p. m., January 10, at the city hall. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to be present at this meeting.

P. S. White, the industrial agent of the Frisco, will be here January 10, and will make a proposition of vital interest to the farmers. The Santa Fe road is also interested in the movement and will render important aid.

STONEWALL.

Special Correspondence.

Stonewall, I. T., Dec. 31.—Our town is still alive and keeping abreast of the times.

We had a nice Christmas tree and entertainment Saturday night and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Misses Pearl Traux and Lizzie Hall spent their vacation in Ada.

A. J. Hatcher of Pash and R. E. Hatcher of Bebee were here during the holidays visiting friends and relatives.

H. F. Reed and wife came in from Eudora, Ark., to spend Christmas.

Dr. J. H. Blackburn and Miss Martin Voyles were made life companions Christmas day.

Our school opened again Monday and is progressing nicely.

Bishop Hall is very ill this week with cold and tonsillitis.

Rev. J. M. Coats returned home after being absent several weeks in the interest of foreign missions.

Prof. Sewell is kept busy teaching vocal music.

The social given at W. R. Riddle's Thursday night was well attended and all participants seemed to enjoy it.

Health around here for the most part is good.

A force of hands were put to work this morning in making repairs on the dormitory at Hargrove preparing for the opening of the spring term Thursday. Rev. J. M. Gross, the new president, has become so enthusiastic over the success of Hargrove that he has awakened enthusiasm in other friends of the college and it is believed that Hargrove has begun an era of greater educational work.

A hunting party composed of D. E. Allen, W. O. Dutton, C. D. Carter, U. W. Verner, Geo. Corbin, W. P. Poland, J. A. Bivens, Ed Burney of Chickasha and Jack Conlisk of Temple, Texas, will leave here tomorrow for the Choctaw Nation to spend two weeks on a deer hunt. The party will leave here in wagons. They will visit the country twenty-five miles northeast of Atoka.

The many friends of Mrs. Stillwell H. Russell will be glad to learn that her condition shows much improvement, and it is thought that she will be able to come home in the next two weeks.

The midwinter term of federal court will open here next Monday. It is said that Judge Townsend will hold the first week's term for Judge Dickerson. The docket, both civil and criminal is quite heavy.

George Tucker, a member of the police force who has been sick for some time, is reported as being worse and his condition at present is of a dangerous stage.

Court officials went to Marietta this morning to attend court, which was recovered after a brief adjournment for the holidays.

CONGRESS

WILL RE-ASSEMBLE—PROGRAM IS ARRANGED.

The Statehood Bill Will Likely Be
Among the First Taken Up—Ex-
pected that Adjournment Will
Be Had Next Friday.

Washington, Jan. 1.—It is expected that no more than three days of the present week will be devoted to legislation in the senate. Congress reassembles after the holiday recess Wednesday, Jan. 4, and the present intention is that the senate adjourn Friday until Monday.

The first day there will be a contest for place between the bill creating the two states of Oklahoma and Indian Territory and Arizona and New Mexico and the pure food bill.

The steering committee of the senate decided to give preference to the statehood bill, and the pure food bill has been accorded time when nothing else is under consideration.

Chairman Beveridge of the committee on territories will move a consideration of the statehood bill and Chairman Hepburn of the committee on manufactures will antagonize it with the pure food measure. It is generally understood that the statehood bill having the sanction of the steering committee, will be made the unfinished business.

There are no appropriation bills ready for consideration in the senate, although the legislative, executive and judicial bill has been before the committee during the recess and will be completed during the week.

The Journal's Enterprise.

Several staff men and photographers representing the Kansas City Journal, will arrive in Ardmore the latter part of the week for the purpose of writing up Ardmore and this section of the country. This paper will issue a big special edition next month, its object being to aid the territory in its fight for statehood. Every section of the territory will be visited and the paper will contain much valuable data concerning the Indian Territory. A copy of the paper will be sent to each senator and representative in congress, while thousands will be distributed throughout the country. Ardmore will have a splendid opportunity of receiving a big write-up which is calculated to help the town. The Chamber of Commerce should appoint a committee for the purpose of taking the visitors in hand and showing them every possible courtesy.

The Journal's write-up will be very commendable, and certainly most enterprising. The paper has always been a strong friend of the territory.

A message was received here yesterday afternoon by Harry Stomum stating that his mother was dangerously ill at Gainesville. He left on the 5 o'clock train for that place, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Will Potter of this place. A message was received this morning stating that Mrs. Stomum died yesterday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Stomum has been ill for several months and fears of recovery have been entertained for some time. She was well known in Ardmore as the family, and the tenderest sympathies are extended by the citizens of this place to the bereaved family in this their great loss.

The ministers of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Western Diocese of the two territories will convene here next Tuesday night at St. Philip's church and remain in session until Thursday night. Among the notables who will be present is Bishop Francis Key Brooke of Guthrie, Okla. There are in the two territories some twenty Episcopal churches and about fifteen members of the clergy. For the reason that there are few of the clergy the attendance here will be small.

Isaac Roberts of Orr was in the city today on business. He reports that the cotton is not all out yet in his country. "Orr," he said, "enjoyed a nice, quiet Christmas and gathered a big crop of holiday weddings."

It will pay you to anticipate year-end and take advantage of the 10 per cent reduction on blank books advertised by F. J. Ramsey in this issue.